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NOTE FOR:

who attended the CT Staff meeting on 31 May, tells me that you are interested in items to be included in a new agreement with DoD, modeled after the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prepared at the time the NITO Warning and Crisis element was transferred to the Pentagon.

I have trouble with the existing MOU because I believe the language is much too broad for the functions of the NITO unit. Specifically, I believe the three Tasking Offices would not agree with the definition contained in the second sentence of paragraph 2,c. Furthermore, paragraph 3,d commits the DCI on the basis of the assignment of a relatively small unit to the Pentagon to undertake provision of a broad range of information and reports which come within the purview of a variety of NITC, CIA, and other Agency responsibilities. If paragraph 3,d(1) is simply meant to state what the DCI does selectively now, it is harmless but meaningless. If it is meant to commit the DCI in a more forthright manner than has previously been the case, it needs amplification and clarification.

Applying this to HTO, it seems to me that a Memorandum of Understanding should deal with administrative arrangements pertinent to collocation and should not delineate substantive relationships between NITC elements and those of DoD.

I urge that any new MOU be purely an administrative document and leave the matter of substantive relationships to the other agreements and understandings which make up the complicated fabric of our interface with the DoD.

✓ *Good point, if we can make it stick.
I doubt if DoD will agree, however.*

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